

The NHTSA/NAPC Prosecutor Fellow Program

Purpose

The purpose of the Prosecutor Fellow program is to provide strong communication and a mutually beneficial relationship between the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and prosecutors who adjudicate motor vehicular and pedestrian offenses.

The Prosecutor Fellow will serve as a resource to the National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators (NAPC), National Traffic Law Center (NTLC), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the prosecutor community nationwide. The Prosecutor Fellow position requires knowledge of the NHTSA/International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DEC) and experience in prosecuting impaired driving cases. The Fellow will assist the organizations in advancing their individual and mutual interests and goals.

NHTSA has undertaken concerted efforts to educate the prosecutorial community. Prosecutors, especially those in rural jurisdictions or whose communities cannot afford a full-time prosecutor, are frequently unable to participate in NHTSA's outreach efforts. The Prosecutor Fellow will help facilitate the efficient flow of NHTSA's and its cooperative partners' research and educational opportunities to prosecutors and citizens throughout the country, along with expressing a prosecutor's view in national issues. Therefore, local prosecutors are encouraged to apply for this Fellowship.

Duties

Duties of the Prosecutor Fellow will include teaching seminars, writing, community outreach activities, consulting, reporting and acting as a spokesperson for NHTSA and NAPC. The Prosecutor Fellow will be required to accomplish certain specified "tasks" as agreed upon by the NAPC and NHTSA.

Specific "tasks" to be achieved by the Prosecutor Fellow include, but are not limited, to the following:

- 1) Assist in the development and updating of prosecutor training and education materials in both legal and scientific areas.
- 2) Consult with NHTSA contractors in delivering prosecutor training as requested by the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR). Establish and maintain working relationships between NHTSA and professional legal organizations and associations.
- 3) Author and publish articles concerning motor vehicle law, traffic safety and community outreach programs.

The Prosecutor Fellow will also be expected to work closely with NTLC on projects and programs subject to the NHTSA/NAPC agreement. Required activities will include: assisting in curriculum planning, faculty selection, course segment presentation, assist NAPC staff in writing and editing a quarterly publication and collaborate with NAPC and NHTSA staff to develop community outreach materials and products. The Fellow will represent NHTSA at semi-annual NAPC meetings and attend national or regional meetings (as needed) on NHTSA and NAPC's behalf.

Written reports with supporting documentation are to be delivered to the NAPC Program Manager at the end of the first quarter of service and each quarter thereafter for the duration of the fellowship. The prosecutor fellow will be expected to travel regularly to NHTSA headquarters in Washington, D.C. or to other assigned venues to consult and communicate with NHTSA staff and others.

Additional Considerations

Expenses for all authorized travel, lodging, food, and incidentals will be reimbursed in accordance with recognized federal rates. Requests for reimbursement will be processed through the NAPC Program Manager. The Prosecutor Fellow will be eligible for a monthly stipend of \$1,000, except, if he or she serves in a position funded in whole or in part by Federal funds during the period of the fellowship, including but not limited to Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor positions. The stipend is subject to withholding taxes to be paid directly to the IRS by the Prosecutor Fellow.

It is anticipated that the Prosecutor Fellow will spend at least one and preferably two days every other month at NHTSA headquarters. It is estimated that the Prosecutor Fellow will spend an estimated additional 15 hours per month on Fellow related matters as well as travel time to and from Washington, D.C.

Application and Selection Process

Applications for the fellowship are available through the NAPC Headquarters by contacting Program Manager, Carol Peters at carol.peters@ndaa.org (541) 682-4534. Please send applications to: National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators, Lane County District Attorney, 125 E. 8th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401.

Applications must be **received** at NAPC Headquarters no later than January 4, 2008. They will be evaluated by a committee appointed by the NAPC/NHTSA Working Group Chair with priority given to members of NAPC. To learn more about NHTSA, its products, services, and programs, prospective applicants are encouraged to visit the NHTSA web site www.nhtsa.dot.gov.